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SUBJ: HONG KONG - CANTON FERRY LINK

SIR S.K. TUNG, CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY
TOLD A CONGENOFF IN CONFIDENCE THAT HIS COMPANY ON AUGUST 17
SIGNED A AGREEMENT WITH THE PRC FOR HOVERCRAFT FERRY SERVICE
BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CANTON. TUNG SAID THAT CRAFT FOR THE
RUN, CARRYING 195 PASSENGERS, ARE ON ORDER FROM THE U.K.
SCHEDULED SERVICE IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN MID-NOVEMBER.
TRAVELING TIME BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CANTON WILL BE TWO AND
HALF HOURS IN CONTRAST TO THE ALMOST SIX HOURS REQUIRED FOR THE
PRESENT TRAIN JOURNEY WHICH INCLUDES CHANGING TRAINS AT THE
BORDER

COMMENT: COMPLETION OF THIS LONG-RUMORED AGREEMENT MARKS
THE FIRST DIRECT TRANSPORTATION LINK BETWEEN HONG KONG AND
CANTON IN MORE THAN TWO DECADES AND PROBABLY SINCE THE
FUNDING OF THE PRC. IT WILL BE WELCOMED HERE AS YET ANOTHER
SIGN OF PEKING'S BENIGN INTENTIONS TOWARD HONG KONG.
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